

Gateway Program Placement Criteria



Students are placed in four tiers based on the following data:

- Achievement data in math and reading based on MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) from the current and previous school year. **Additional data regarding achievement may be gathered.*
- Ability data based on CogAT (Cognitive Abilities Assessment) areas of verbal, quantitative, nonverbal or composite total.
- Teacher rating scale of advanced learner behaviors.

Students are placed in the Gateway Program first starting in Tier 1, then moving to Tier 2, Tier 3 and Tier 4 as space allows in the Gateway classrooms. Within each Tier, students who meet all of the criteria will be placed first, 3 criteria will be placed second and 2 criteria will be placed third.

***NOTE: Sometimes a student's data does not accurately represent their abilities. Because of this, the committee will carefully consider candidates whose data is below Tier 4. If interested in the Gateway Program, please submit an interest form.*

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		Reading Achievement	Math Achievement	Ability Measure CogAT or IQ	Teacher Rating Scale
Tier 1	Meets criteria in multiple categories	95% or greater in Reading and Math	95% or greater in Math and Reading	98% or greater in one or more subtests	High Teacher Rating
Tier 2	Meets criteria in multiple categories	95% or greater in Reading and 90% or greater in Math.	95% or greater in Math and 90% or greater in Reading	96% or greater in two or more subtests	High Teacher Rating
Tier 3	Meets criteria in multiple categories	95% or greater in Reading and 80% or greater in Math	95% or greater in Math and 80% or greater in Reading	96% or greater in any subtest and 90% or greater in one or more additional subtests	High Teacher Rating
Tier 4	Meets criteria in multiple categories	90% to 94% in either Reading or Math	90% to 94% in either Math or Reading	96% or greater in any subtest	High Teacher Rating

**Out of District students not currently enrolled in SoWashCo will be placed using the four tiers if there is space available after current and in-district SoWashCo students have been reviewed and placed.*

**Parent input from the Gateway Interest form is included in the data the committee reviews as additional information about a student.*

Terms
<u>Multiple Categories:</u> 2 or more categories.
<u>CogAT:</u> Cognitive Abilities Assessment is measured by national age norms (SAS: Student Age Score).
<u>MAP:</u> Measures of Academic Progress are district achievement tests in Reading and Math administered annually. They are measured by national percentile rank. Other national percentile ranked achievement tests may be used to demonstrate achievement.
<u>Teacher Rating Scale:</u> Data gathered from current teacher(s) by SoWashCo using the SIGS by Gail Ryser and Kathleen McConnell, a research based rating scale of advanced learner behaviors and characteristics.